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TENTATIVE LIST OF EXTANT MANUSCRIPTS OF RASHI'S TALMUDICAL COMMENTARIES

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FOR a number of years I have been engaged in completing and preparing for publication the materials gathered by the late Arsène Darmesteter for an edition of the French glosses (*le'azim*) contained in the Talmudical commentaries of Rashi. For this purpose I have endeavoured to locate all extant manuscripts of these commentaries. The following list embodies the results so far reached. It is published with the object of eliciting further information from scholars who may know of other manuscripts.

The list includes manuscripts of all the commentaries ascribed to Rashi, whether correctly or not. It does not include Genizah fragments. No attempt is made to list manuscripts of the commentary to Alfasi attributed to Rashi, which is of comparatively little value for the study of the *le'azim*.

The list is divided into two parts, the first including fifty-four manuscripts seen by Darmesteter or me, or excerpted for me by various copyists, the second enumerating seven manuscripts known or believed to exist, but hitherto inaccessible. The cities in which the different manuscripts are found are arranged in alphabetical order. In listing the manuscripts in a given library I generally preserve

Darmesteter's arrangement. He placed the manuscripts in the order of the Talmudical treatises upon which they bear.

For assistance in drawing up the list I am indebted to many scholars. Two eminent masters of Hebrew bibliography, Professor Alexander Marx and Dr. A. Freimann, have indicated the greater part of the seventeen manuscripts excerpted that were unknown to Darmesteter. Among others who have aided me I would mention especially Mr. Elkan N. Adler, Professor V. Aptowitzer, Rabbi D. Camerini, Dr. H. Ehrentreu, Professor Israel Lévi, Mr. J. Mann, Dr. Felix Perles, Professor N. Porges, and M. Moïse Schwab.

Cambridge, England, University Library :

MS. Additional 477. 8 : Rosh ha-Shanah.

„ „ 478. 8 : Baba Ḳamma, Baba meṣi'a.

„ „ 479. 8 : Shebu'ot.

Frankfort-on-the-Main, Stadtbibliothek :

MS. Merzbacher 132 : Beṣah, Kiddushin.

„ „ 133 : Hullin.

Hamburg, Stadtbibliothek :

Cat. Steinschneider 171. 63 : Baba batra.¹

Leipsic, Library of Professor N. Porges :

MS. (a) Megillah, Sukkah, Gitṭin.

„ (b) Baba meṣi'a.

Universitätsbibliothek :

MS. 1105 (Cat. Vollers) : Pesahim.

¹ MS. Steinschneider 172. 192, described as 'Rashi über Tr. Aboda Sara', is in reality a modern copy of the text of the Talmudical treatise 'Abodah zarah.

London, Library of Mr. Elkan N. Adler :

MS. 1621 : *Besah, Shabbat.*

2553 : *Besah, Rosh ha-Shanah, Ta'anit, Megillah, Haggigah.*

„ 1408 : *Shebu'ot.*

British Museum :

MS. Harley 5585, Cat. Margoliouth 411 : *Baba Ḳamma.*

„ Additional 27196, Cat. Marg. 413 : *Baba Ḳamma, Baba meṣia.*

„ Oriental 73, Cat. Marg. 412 : *Baba meṣia.*

„ „ 2891, Cat. Marg. 410 : *Kiddushin.*

„ „ 5975, Cat. Marg. 409 : *Berakot, Shabbat.*

Munich, Hofbibliothek :

Cod. hebraicus 216 : *Shabbat, 'Erubin, Pesahim, Sukkah, Besah, Rosh ha-Shanah, Haggigah, Ta'anit, Mo'ed Ḳaṭan.*²

Oxford, Bodleian Library :

MS. Opp. add. 4to 23, Cat. Neubauer 420 : *'Erubin, Besah.*

„ Laud 318, Cat. Neub. 419 : *Yoma.*

„ Opp. 248, Cat. Neub. 367 : *Yebamot, Kiddushin.*

„ Opp. 97, Cat. Neub. 421 : *Ketubbot.*

„ Opp. 38, Cat. Neub. 368 : *Gittin.*

² In the *Dikduke Soferim*, vol. XVI (edited after Rabbinovicz's death by Dr. H. Ehrentreu), p. 43 v, there is mentioned a fragmentary manuscript of *Hullin* (ff. 42 b-63) in the Munich Library. This manuscript seems to have been lost. This loss is not very serious, however, as the readings of the more interesting *le'azim* are given in the *Dikduke Soferim*. The trustworthiness of the readings may be inferred from the fact that I have verified a number of citations from other texts in this volume of the *Dikduke Soferim*, and found them extremely accurate, in sharp contrast to citations in previous volumes.

MS. Opp. 387, Cat. Neub. 429²: Baba meṣī'a.

„ Opp. 249, Cat. Neub. 369: Baba batra.

„ Opp. 726, Cat. Neub. 370⁴: 'Arakin.³

Paris, Bibliothèque Nationale:

MS. fonds hébreu 323: Yebamot (ff. 1–95 b).

„ „ „ 324: Shabbat, 'Erubin.

„ „ „ 325: Zebahim.

Parma, Biblioteca Palatina.

MS. 2087, Rossi 1324: Shabbat.

„ 2589, „ 1309: Berakot, Hullin.

„ 2244, „ 808: Beṣah, Rosh ha-Shanah,
Hagigah, Mo'ed ḥaṭan.

„ 2906, „ 1299: Kiddushin, Niddah, Shebu'ot,
Beṣah, Yoma.

„ 3155, „ 1292: Makkot, Horayot, 'Abodah
zarah.

„ 2590, „ 1310: Ketubbot.

„ 3055, „ 130: Baba ḥamma.

„ 3151, „ 1293: Shebu'ot.

„ 2756, „ 1304: Hullin, Niddah.⁴

Rome, Biblioteca Angelica:

MS. Orientale, Fondo Antico 57 (Cat. di Capua, 13):

Ketubbot, Giṭṭin.⁵

³ Darmesteter was in error in supposing (*Reliques scientifiques* [Paris, 1890], I, p. 113) that MS. Michael 237 (Cat. Neub. 373; Hullin) was of value for constituting the text of the *le'azim*. The manuscript is simply an Italian copy of the printed text, dated 1765; such variants as it offers are blunders or abbreviations.

⁴ MS. 2415, Rossi 445, listed by Darmesteter (*Reliques scientifiques*, I, 121), is a commentary upon Shabbat, containing some excerpts from Rashi, *inter alia*, but omitting the French glosses.

⁵ Di Capua erroneously ascribes to Rashi the anonymous commentary upon Yebamot with which the manuscript begins.

Vatican Library :

MS. Vaticano Ebraico 127; 'Erubin (Per. I-II);
 Shabbat (Per. I-II); Gitṭin (Per. I-II);
 Niddah (Per. I).

MS. Vaticano Ebraico 129: Shabbat (Per. I-II).

- ” ” ” 131 : Baba mesi'a.
- ” ” ” 132 : Baba ḥamma.
- ” ” ” 135 : Gitṭin.
- ” ” ” 138 : Shabbat.
- ” ” ” 139 : Hullin.
- ” ” ” 140 : Gitṭin, Shebu'ot.
- ” ” ” 157 : Baba ḥamma.
- ” ” ” 158 : Kiddushin.
- ” ” ” 487 : Menahot (ff. 49 a–93 b).⁶

Turin : Biblioteca Nazionale :

- MS. Fondo Ebraico, A, v, 29 : Menahot, Bekorot,
 Keritot, Me'ilah.
- ” ” ” A, iv, 38 : Kiddushin, Ketubbot,
 Gitṭin.
- ” ” ” A, vi, 47 : Bekorot, Temurah,
 Menahot (Per. IV,
 III).
- ” ” ” A, ii, 9 : Yoma, Megillah, Hagi-
 gah, Sukkah, Besah,
 Rosh ha-Shanah.⁷

⁶ MS. Vaticano Ebraico 160, a commentary on Ketubbot, ascribed by Assemani to Rashi, is an abridged version of Rashi's commentary, with excerpts from other authorities, such as Maimonides, R. Tam, R. Isaac ibn Ghayyath. The French glosses are omitted, and Arabic glosses occasionally introduced. The library of the University of Illinois possesses a complete photograph of this manuscript.

⁷ According to a letter of Signor A. Pesenti, librarian of the Turin Library, dated June 22, 1914, all four of the valuable manuscripts just enumerated

The following manuscripts have hitherto been inaccessible. It will probably be possible to secure extracts from some or all of them, in case they are still in existence.

Ancona :

MS.: Nazir (cp. Babylonian Talmud, ed. Romm,
Aharit Dabar, p. 6).

Bielitz (*olim*), Library of S. J. Halberstamm :

MS.: Nazir [cp. Weiss, *Rashi* (Vienna, 1882], p. 70).

Jerusalem, Library of Rabbi Isaac M. Badhab :

MS.: Bekorot (ff. 45 to end ; No. 190, Cat. *Pardes ha-Torah weha-Hokmah* [Jerusalem, n. d.]).

Königsberg, Universitätsbibliothek :

MS.: contents as yet undetermined (information from Professor Marx and Dr. Perles).

Nikolsburg :

MS. : Shebu'ot (letter from Professor Aptowitz).

Petrograd, Günzburg Library :

MS. 548 : Baba Ḳamma.

MS. 594 : Yebamot. (Cp. *Dikduke Soferim*, IV, pp. 7-8).

were completely destroyed in the disastrous fire of 1904. I list the manuscripts because the notes of Darmesteter preserve the readings of the French glosses.